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The reply filed on September 11, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There were two elections of species requirements. Applicants have made only one election. It is not clear which species is intended to be elected by Species I. The first election of species requirement has a choice of electing either an apparatus containing an electrode or an apparatus that does not have an electrode. The second election of species requirement has a choice of electing either an apparatus having a fine channel or an apparatus having a protruding portion. Applicants are required to make two elections. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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